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THE WORLD'S GREATEST FESTIVAL FOR DOG LOVERS RETURNS WITH A NEW HOME

**DOG
LOVERS
SHOW**[®]

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Aug
Sydney Showground
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Australia's premier dog-dedicated festival returns to wow Sydneysiders at a brand-new venue this August. Now located at the Sydney Showground in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct, the re-vamped Dog Lovers Show will be 30% bigger and offer even more K9-inspired experiences than ever before.

The new Sydney home has sky-rocketed the Show to the next level with **bigger entertainment arenas, extended celebrity line-ups, furrrier features, hundreds of dog-dedicated products** and the chance to **cuddle over 800 canines and more than 150 breeds**.

Now in its sixth year, the Sydney Dog Lovers Show has cemented its place as one of the world's largest and most popular festivals dedicated to educating and entertaining dog lovers, whilst paying tribute to just how much these wonderful animals enrich our lives and contribute to the community every day.

This year's Show is packed with a range of firsts including the all-new **VitaPet Arena** hosting the inaugural **K9 Ninja Challenge** by **Farmer Dave Graham**. Talented canines will compete paw-to-paw as they manoeuvre their way through a custom-built obstacle course featuring a fireman's ladder, warp wall, hoop jumps and even a pirate plank, to test their limits of strength, fitness and agility.

Ridiculously-talented pooches will compete in the **Black Hawk DockDogs SPLASHZONE** (BYO raincoat) inside the famous **Wood Chop Arena**. The ast-hounding atmosphere will have spectators in awe as they witness dogs of all shapes and sizes launch themselves off a dock into a **100,000-litre pool!** Look out for **Big Air**[®] (longest jump), **Speed Retrieve**[®] (fastest swimmer) and **Extreme Vertical**[®] (highest jump).

For those looking to unwind from the action, the Show's first ever **DOGA** demonstration (that's yoga with your pooch!) will give 30 lucky owners the chance to Downward Dog with the **Rancan Sisters' Adele & Lisa** each day at the event.

Australia's leading celebrity veterinarians will host daily educational talks on the **Main Stage** for tips on a happier, healthier hound. Vet legend and household name, **Dr Harry Cooper** will join the line-up for the first time in Sydney plus new **Bondi Vet's Dr Kate Adams** will also make her Show debut discussing '10 things your dog really wants you to know.'



FARMER
DAVE GRAHAM



RANCAN SISTERS
ADELE & LISA



BLACKHAWK
DOCKDOGS



DR HARRY COOPER



DR KATE ADAMS



DR LISA CHIMES



DR KATRINA WARREN,
KELLY GILL & THE
WONDERDOGS



RODNEY GOOCH



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Sydneysider **Dr Lisa Chimes** invites visitors to step inside **SASH – Small Animal Specialist Hospital**: a mock VET ICU Workshop educating owners about behind the scenes of animal procedures and giving littlies the chance to get hands on with toy-animals in their own mini uniform.

Crowd-favourites **Dr Katrina Warren** and **Kelly Gill** with present handy hints for doggy road-trips and paw-some party tricks alongside their team of highly-trained Border Collies, **The Wonderdogs**.

TV dog-training extraordinaire, **Rodney Gooch**, will host the exhilarating Dog Lovers Show **Flyball Racing Championship** in the Vitapet Arena, where teams of fearless canines will jump, fetch, tug and sprint against the clock. Rodney's tricksters will also take part in the **UpDog Challenge** – an entertaining series of demonstrations that will test the abilities of dogs and handlers alike. The incredible team of **Skipping Dogs** are unmissable as they double-dutch their way across the Arena on command!

Rehoming Sydney's abandoned pups remains integral to the mission of the Dog Lovers Show. **Founder and CEO, Jason Humphris** said: "For the first time, we have partnered with the **PETstock Assist** team to take the important **DOG Adoption Zone** to the next level and help find more loving, well-suited homes for dogs in need than ever before. **Over 40 rescue groups and shelters** have been given the opportunity to exhibit at the Show free-of-charge to provide trusted, reliable information for aspiring and committed fur-parents about adoption and a chance to meet dozens of rescue dogs at the Show."

From Basenji's to Border Terriers, Chow Chows to Country Griffons, over **50 Breed Clubs** are expected to feature in the **DOGS NSW Breed Showcase** including an **Ask-The-Breeders Stage** with Breed Information Talks from leading experts.

Furry social media sensations will strut their stuff on the red carpet and snap selfies with adoring fans at the **Insta-Pooch Zone**, hosted for the first time by animal lover and Pound Paws founder, **Brittany Bloomer**.

Canine enthusiasts can get up close and paw-sonal with dogs of all shapes and sizes in **Pat-A-Pooch** and find their one true pup in the **Bow Wow Meow Perfect Match Zone**. Free **doggy face painting** and **K9-inspired workshops for kids** will also be provided with some of Sydney's yummiest **food trucks** on-show for visitors to Chow Chow down!

It's also going to be the ultimate shopping destination for Dog owners with hundreds of exhibitors and thousands of dog products and services, new launches, pet tech, show specials and stacks of prizes including the chance to **win one of Australia's first dog-friendly Crusader Chameleon Caravans valued at \$30,000!**

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

DATES: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August 2019

TIMES: 9:30am – 5:00pm daily

TICKETS & WHAT'S ON: dogloversshow.com.au/sydney

Big discounts available for tickets purchased online via the website and for the first time, event promoters are offering student and senior discounts. Take the train to the doorstep of the show with stacks of very affordable car parking close to the venue.

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